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Dear Josh:

I have been terribly remiss in answering all your notes.

First off let me apologize for the fact that we dropped that last, what now seems to be critical, last paragraph. I have not checked as to why because it all seems too late. Unless, of course, I can show your letter to Lee Goodman to Vic Cohn who has been struggling with the lobbying effort of the cancer authority.

I have checked out whether or not we can use your fancy text. The answer is yes. Yes, too, suppress the line numbers on both copies.

And finally we do not, repeat, do not, have any data-phone communications equipment that would work with your IBM 2741.

I still hope to be able to get westward soon but events are conspiring to make that very damned difficult. Probably I will see you here before you see me there.

Regards,



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"226 - best column yet"